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August 7, 2006

The Honorable Mayor Arthur Puglia Mayor of Mansfield Township P.O. Box 249 Columbus, NJ 08022

Re: Mansfield Township Petition for Initial Plan Endorsement Letter of Completeness Determination

Dear Mayor Puglia:

After review of the additional information submitted by Mansfield Township for Initial Plan Endorsement as of August 3, 2006, pursuant to the State Planning Rules, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:85-7.5(b), the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) finds the petition complete as amended. I would like to commend the Township for the significant planning efforts that have been undertaken and thank you for the time and effort you have committed to the State Planning Commission's (SPC) Plan Endorsement process.

The Township or any interested person may request that the Office of Smart Growth conduct a public hearing on the Township's petition. Pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5(e), requests that the Office of Smart Growth conduct a public hearing must be received within 10 days of OSG providing notice of that a completed petition has been submitted, by Monday, August 17, 2006. Members of the public may also provide comments on the petition at any time until the SPC takes final action on the petition.

State, federal and regional agencies have 45 days within which to review the petition and provide comments to the Office of Smart Growth regarding the petition's consistency with the State Plan. This review period ends on September 21, 2006.

Within 60 days following the end of this review period or unless otherwise agreed, the Office of Smart Growth will prepare a report to the SPC assessing the consistency of Mansfield Township's petition and draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan. If the Office of Smart Growth has not made a recommendation to the SPC by November 20, 2006, the Township can directly petition the SPC to take action on the Township's petition.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Khara Ford, Area Planner for Burlington County, at 609-633-8573 or via email at kford@dca.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Eileen Swan

Executive Director

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